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SUBJ: PORTUGAL'S POSITION ON LAW OF THE SEAS

1. RECENT PRESS ARTICLES AND COMMENTS BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS INDICATE THAT PORTUGAL MAY SUPPORT 200-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA CONCEPT AT FORTHCOMING LAW OF THE SEAS CONFERENCE. GIVEN RECENT PUBLIC ATTENTION THIS ISSUE, ECON COUNSELOR RAISED SUBJECT WITH AMBASSADOR JOAO PEQUITO, DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. LATTER ADMITTED THAT DOMESTIC PRESSURES ARE MOUNTING FOR DECLARATION OF A 200-MILE LIMIT. HE ASSERTED THAT GOP HAS NOT TAKEN DEFINITE DECISION, AND HAS NOT STUDIED POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS OF SUCH A DECLARATION, BUT THAT POLICY WAS DEFINITELY TENDING TOWARD EXPANSION OF TERRITORIAL WATERS.

2. COMMENT: PORTUGAL APPEARS TO BE IN EARLY STAGE OF A BANDWAGON MOVEMENT FAVORING 200-MILE TERRITORIAL/PATRIMONIAL SEA. GOP MAY NOT ADOPT FIRM DECISION UNTIL ITS INTERESTED

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AGENCIES HAVE STUDIED THIS ISSUE IN MORE DEPTH, BUT

FORTHCOMING LAW OF THE SEAS CONFERENCE MAY PRECIPITATE
A DECISION.
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